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Attorney Docket No.	BA0275C (NORT10-00368)
First Inventor	Van Hunter
Title	Automatic Load Sharing-Trunking
Express Mail Label No.	ER454571639US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 37]  
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  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
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  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
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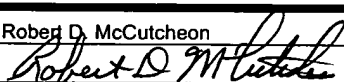
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- 3) Copy of Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) as filed in parent application;
- 4) Statement of Non-Authorization to Charge Additional Fees with Respect to the Continuation Patent Application;
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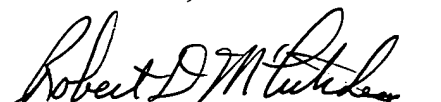
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On December 9, 2002, A Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in U.S. Serial No. 09/346,870. Copies of these documents are enclosed herewith. By virtue of this new Power of Attorney, all previous powers of attorney were revoked by the Assignee of this application.

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